



City of Arts & Innovation

Commission of the Deaf Memorandum

TO: COMMISSION OF THE DEAF **DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**
FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE **WARDS: ALL**
SUBJECT: COMMISSION OF THE DEAF OUTREACH

ISSUE:

Discuss Commission of the Deaf outreach.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission of the Deaf discuss outreach, define the Commission's role in outreach, and discuss topics of interest and proposed areas of need for potential Commission outreach.

DISCUSSION:

In order to help focus and guide boards and commissions, City staff have been tasked to work with each City board/commission to develop an annual work plan. The City Council Inclusiveness, Community Engagement, and Governmental Processes Committee (ICGC) is tentatively scheduled to start review of board/commission workplans in November 2023.

The Commission of the Deaf is tasked with the following four powers/duties/functions, per Ordinance 7623:

Section 2.100.040 – Powers, Duties and Functions.

- A. Serve in an advisory capacity to help create an integrated community that promotes full participation in society, education and employment, effective communications, and cultural awareness.
- B. Review community policies, programs, and actions which affect persons within the deaf community and make appropriate recommendations to City Council.
- C. Render advice and assistance as requested to other City boards and commissions, and to City departments on matters affecting members of the deaf community.
- D. Perform other functions, community outreach, and duties as may be directed by the City Council.

Within this framework, the Commission is asked to discuss outreach, define the Commission's role, and recommend topics of interest and proposed areas of need for potential Commission focus.

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